Bench of Supreme Court and whether Chief Vigilance Commissioner would be given autonomous independent powers in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government are seriously contemplating to bring a Bill in this connection; and

(f) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRISURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) Government has authorized Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), *vide* Resolution dated 21.4.2004, read with Corrigendum dated 29.4.2004, as 'Designated Agency', to receive written complaints from whistle blowers. There are provisions in the Resolution not to reveal the identity of the whistle blowers and to protect them from victimization and harassment.

(d) Questions does not arise.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir, a Bill in this connection is contemplated.

Non-reporting of vacancies by DoP&T

2610. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to non-reporting of vacancies by Department of Personnel and Training, UPSC has decided against holding of Section Officers, Private Secretaries Limited Departmental Competitive Examination for 2005;

(b) if so, the reasons behind withholding of vacancies for these examination;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken for safeguarding the interests of candidates servicing in other Departments including Ministry of Defence, Armed Forces Head Quarters and Ministry of External Affairs; and

(d) in what manner the vacancies for this Exam would be dealt with in respect of these Departments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d) The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) conducts combined Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE) for recommending candidates for appointment to the post of Section Officer/ Private Secretary (Steno. Grade A&B- merged) belonging to the Central Secretariat Service (CSS)/ Central Secretariat Stenographer Service (CSSS) as also for similar posts under Ministries of Defence, Railways, External Affairs, etc. Due to variety of reasons, the process of finalisation of vacancies for the year 2003 and 2004 was delayed. Consequently availability of results for the examination of those years has also been delayed. This situation has led to delay in finalisation of vacancies for the examination of the year 2005 also. Under these circumstances, UPSC have communicated to DOP&T that they have decided not to hold examination for the year 2005. DOP&T, however, has taken up the matter with the Commission to reconsider their decision and hold the LDCE 2005.

Proposal under Right to Information Act, 2005

2611. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Central Bureau of Investigation and Central Vigilance Commission for immunity under Right to Information Act, 2005;

(b if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) There is no proposal to exempt the CBI from the purview of The Right to Information Act, 2005". As regards the Central Vigilance Commission, a proposal has been received in this regard from the Commission.